

Adult Education Budget Strategy

Background

In March 2020, West Yorkshire agreed an ambitious devolution deal with the Government, which will see our region have a directly-elected mayor from May 2021. The agreement, which is the biggest ever of its kind, unlocks more than £1.8 billion in investment to drive up living standards through better transport, improved skills and stronger businesses, while tackling the climate emergency. This means that West Yorkshire will have control of the £63m annual Adult Education Budget (AEB) for the area thus enabling us to closer align spending on skills with the opportunities and needs in the local economy.

The AEB Strategy has been developed in order to ensure that we are ready to deliver the Adult Education Budget by 1 August 2021. The plan builds on our existing strategies and the needs of our area, providing a clear foundation upon which we can build the skills of people and businesses within West Yorkshire. The timescales set out by the government mean that it is necessary to develop the plan prior to the election of the West Yorkshire Mayor.

As part of our engagement activity and transparency around devolution across West Yorkshire we would like to invite you to provide feedback on the AEB Strategy by completing this survey.

This survey will be open from 25 May to 10 July 2020.

Before completing this survey it is essential that you read the AEB Strategy which can be [found here](#). It is also recommended that you have a copy of the plan available as you work through the survey.

About you

The following questions ask for a few details about you and your work. These questions are compulsory and will help us to make the best use of your feedback.

Q1 The information you provide will only be used in the manner described in our privacy policy which can be found by [clicking here](#). In addition to the information provided in the privacy policy, any information submitted via this particular survey will also be processed by SNAP surveys. Please tick the box below to confirm that you have read and understood this:

Q2 In what capacity are you completing this survey?

- A training provider
- A business (excluding training providers)
- A learner / potential learner
- Other

If other, please specify

Q3 *[If Q2 = training provider]* Which of the following applies to you?

- My organisation already has a direct AEB contract or grant agreement
- My organisation is an AEB subcontractor
- My organisation is not currently delivering AEB

Q4 *[If Q2 = training provider or business]* Name of your business or organisation:

Q5 *[If Q2 = training provider or business]* Your position within the business / organisation:

Q6 *[If Q2 = training provider or business]* Where does your business or organisation work? *(please tick all that apply)*

- Within West Yorkshire (Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees, Leeds, Wakefield)
- Within the wider Leeds City Region (Barnsley, Craven, Harrogate, Selby, York)
- Outside the Leeds City Region

Q7 We would like to contact you in the future regarding updates to this plan. Please tick the box below to confirm that you are happy for us to do this, then provide your name and email address in the relevant boxes.

Q8 *[If Q2 = training provider or business]* Name:

Q9 *[If Q2 = training provider or business]* Email address:

Q10 *[If Q2 = learner or other]* Name:

Q11 *[If Q2 = learner or other]* Email address:

The priorities

The following questions relate to the Priorities for Funding section of the AEB Strategy which can be found on **page 8**.

Q12	To what extent do you agree / disagree with each of the priorities for AEB funding?	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Unsure
	Increase the supply of skills to support key sectors, particularly those identified in our Local Industrial Strategy in West Yorkshire	<input type="checkbox"/>					
	Improve West Yorkshire's resilience by delivering the skills needed for the future	<input type="checkbox"/>					
	Making learning more inclusive to support disadvantaged residents and widen the pool of talent for business	<input type="checkbox"/>					
	Support the unemployed to gain and sustain employment	<input type="checkbox"/>					
	Unlock progression opportunities and career adaptability through skills, particularly for those on low wages and with insecure work	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Q13 Are there any other priorities that you feel should be included?

- Yes
- No

Q14 **[If Q13 = yes]** Please describe and explain why you feel they should be paid for from within the AEB:

Challenges

The following questions relate to the Needs and Opportunities section of the AEB Strategy which can be found on **pages 9-11**.

Strive to deliver outstanding provision that puts the needs of learners and employers at the centre of delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Work with partners and stakeholders in a positive and effective way, sharing best practice and improving the impact of skills system across West Yorkshire	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Communicate openly and transparently with stakeholders, learners and partners	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Develop approaches and partnerships which support adults to progress and prosper within their communities and employment	<input type="checkbox"/>						
Subcontract with integrity and ensuring that positive outcomes for learners and employers is at the heart of all arrangements	<input type="checkbox"/>						

Q20 For any of the above values and behaviours that you do not agree with, please explain why:

Proposed approach

The following questions relate to the Proposed Approach section of the AEB Strategy which can be found on **pages 21-24**.

Q21 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the overall Proposed Approach?

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Unsure

Q28 Do you have any comments relating to the priorities and outcomes matrix?

Review and evaluation

The following questions relate to the Review and Evaluation section of the AEB Strategy which can be found on **page 28**.

Q29 To what extent do you agree / disagree with each of the following:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Unsure
The proposed process for review and evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/>					
The proposed timeline for review and evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/>					

Q30 If you disagree with either the process or the timeline for review and evaluation, please explain why:
